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of Ophthalmic Lenses)

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AMENDMENT A***Introductory Comments***

The amendment that follows is in response to the nonfinal Examiner's Action mailed 07/15/2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 10/15/2003.

Applicant makes no amendment to the specification or drawings.

An Amendment to the Claims is attached hereto as a separate paper.

Remarks are also attached hereto as a separate paper.

Very respectfully,

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